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TOPIC Military Information from Neubrandenburg

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11 August 1952

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REFERENCES

PAGES ? ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. On 4 July 1952, the Panzer Kaserne, 1 km southeast of Neubrandenburg (H 54/0 66) was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Tanks were seen in about five garages. On the night of 2 July, a practice involving tanks was held in the direction of Neuendorf.

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- 25X1 2. On 6 July, engineer troops practiced bridge building at the training site on the Tollense Lake and, on 11 July, trained with amphibious vehicles. (2)

25X1 3. On 21 June, four JS-3 tanks [redacted] and a rifle company armed with machine guns, submachine guns and rifles were observed practicing in the training area south of the Panzer Kaserne. Infantry and tanks attacked an imaginary enemy in the former Fuenfeichen concentration camp. Two tanks advanced ahead of the troops, received cover and protection by two other tanks, which provided continuously protective fire. The tanks advanced in echelon formation about 100 meters apart from each other. The infantry did not immediately follow the tanks but advanced in deployed formation in line with the tanks, firing with rifles and throwing smoke hand grenades. The tanks and riflemen were followed by two SP guns with JS chassis at about 1,000 meters. (1)

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- 25X1 4. On 26 June, the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg was occupied to capacity. The engineer unit also had returned to the post. (3) Seven pontons were again observed at the engineer training site on the Tollense Lake.

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- [] 6. Troop movements observed in the area of Neubrandenburg during the period from 20 June to 5 July 1952 included:

At 7 a.m. on 20 June: An engineer unit which was detrained at the Neubrandenburg railroad station. [] (3)

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On 26 June: A train carrying six tanks which passed through the Neubrandenburg railroad station toward Stralsund.

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At 4:30 p.m. on 30 June: Four trucks towing light guns, [] [] which moved on the Neubrandenburg road toward the south. (5)

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At 9:30 a.m. on 5 July: Six trucks towing guns which moved on the Neubrandenburg road toward Rostock.

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[] Comments.

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- (1) [] the Panzer Kaserne, on 4 July 1952, was still occupied to capacity by the unidentified Gds Inf Tank SP of the 9th Gds Tank Div and the 41st or 413th Pion Bridge Bn of the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Mecz Army. Units of the former regiment were repeatedly believed conducting practices near their post.

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[] The tanks observed on the Neustrelitz-Neubrandenburg road belong to this regiment.

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- (2) The engineer training site at the northern tip of the Tollense Lake was previously reported. [] It is probably used by units of the 41st or 413th Pion Bridge Bn of the 88th Engr Regt (?).

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- (3) The unloading of units of the 41st or 413th Pion Bridge Bn of the 88th Engr Regt (?) which, on 20 June 1952, probably returned from Jerichow,

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